



## TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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### Minutes Board of Sewer Commissioners

Meeting: September 9, 2003

**Present:** Joseph Zecco, Chairman  
Paul Swydan, Secretary  
Paul Burnett  
Jack Perreault, Town Engineer  
Robert Tozeski, Superintendent Water & Sewer

The minutes from the meeting of June 10, 2003 were accepted as written.

1. The Board signed various liens and assessments. The Sewer Commission voted to abate the sewer betterments for the properties located at 51-53-55 57 Arrowwood Drive as the properties were assessed in error.
2. John Grenier, an engineer representing Ron Peris, appeared before the Board to discuss a sewer extension on Brook St. Mr. Peris is proposing three individual house lots and wants to extend the gravity sewer from the existing manhole on Brook St. near the entrance to the Southwoods subdivision. The plan presented showed the line extending to the property line of the third house.

Also present were two residents of Brook St., Barry Kneeland and Eleanor Gustafson, who were interested in the sewer being available for their properties. The residents requested the Board to require Mr. Peris to extend the sewer to 34 Brook St., Mr. Kneeland house, as a condition of approving his sewer plan. The residents had spoken to Mr. Grenier previously about getting their properties on the same sewer extension permit as his three lots. The Board asked that the sewer line be extended to the mid point of the last lot and for the property owners to try to work with Mr. Peris to include all the properties on the sewer extension permit application. The two individual property owners would be responsible for extending the sewer past the existing line on Mr. Peris's property entirely at their expense.

3. Bob Cole appeared before the Board to discuss a proposed sewer extension on Colonial Drive. The line would be extended up Colonial Dr. past his existing house and over to another lot across from his property. A plan was presented showing the proposed layout. Mr. Cole was told that a state sewer extension permit would be needed.
4. Charlie McGregor, representing Southwoods Development, talked about the offsite credit issue for their 43 home subdivision. Financial data was presented to the Board outlining different construction costs for the project. The Board reviewed the information but the actual cost differences between the original station and force main requirements to the present situation were unclear. This additional information would be required for the Board to make a final decision on this matter.
5. A review was done on the pipe grade changes for the Ashford Crossing project. At a previous meeting, sections of the piping were shown to be below the Town minimum. A revised plan was submitted eliminating most of these sections, but a few areas could not be eliminated. These areas were off the paved surface and had two to three feet of cover. The Board wanted to explore different alternatives for pipe freezing in these areas but otherwise approved the plan as submitted.
6. Chris Munro, 967 Main St., appeared before the Board to discuss his present situation with his sewer system modifications. Mr. Munro had problems in March, 2001 when abnormally high flows in the sewer system caused sewage to back up at the residence. Subsequently, he met with the Board to request assistance to prevent future problems. Plans were submitted to the Board and a preliminary agreement was reached with the Board to pay up to \$3,500.00 for a pump up system with a storage tank. Until present, no work has been started at the residence because Mr. Munro stated he was away on various business trips out of the state.

Mr. Munro presented a modified plan with valving inside the house to divert flow into the storage tank. The Board told Mr. Munro that he could proceed at his own risk and they would be agreeable to pay 50% of the project not to exceed \$3,500.00. Before payment would be made, a release of liability to the Town would need to be signed. Lastly, Mr. Munro was informed of the requirement to file with the Conservation Board because the work would occur within 100 feet of a wetland area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Tozeski  
Superintendent Water & Sewer

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